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To : Chief, EE

Date 27 March 1952

FROM : []

SUBJECT: GENERAL- Operational
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Dr. Herbert ENGELSING

1. Attached is a memorandum prepared by [] for the Visa Section of the Consulate General in Zurich, where Dr. ENGELSING is applying for a 4(b) (returning resident) visa. [] in his capacity as [] interviewed Subject in Zurich on 24 March 1952. We are forwarding a copy of this memorandum to Frankfurt, in view of HICOG Dispatch No. 2967, dated 16 March 1951, on ENGELSING, since it appears that the information contained in the HICOG report may have been obtained from our German station.

2. ENGELSING's debriefing by [] in 1947, and [] subsequent intervention in favor of granting to ENGELSING permission to enter Germany, have been the subject of previous correspondence. (MSZA-118, NSB-1231, MCHA-1033, MSB-1083, MSB-1040 and MSZA-490.)

3. Any new and pertinent information affecting Subject's present effort to return to the United States should be called at once to the attention of the proper authorities in Washington, since a final decision on this case will be reached within the next few weeks. Subject's wife, Ingeborg, and their two minor children are now residing in the United States at the home of Mrs. ENGELSING's parents, Dr. Arthur and Else KOHLER, 115 Hillcrest Road, Berkeley 5, California.

4. In the course of GASSON's interrogation of ENGELSING, [] noted a number of discrepancies between ENGELSING's statements to [] in 1947 and his present story. The following specific points are noted:

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- a. ENGELSING originally informed [] that he was never formally interrogated by the Gestapo in connection with his association with EQUAL. He stated that finally out of nervousness he went to see the Gestapo official PANSINGER who told him that he was of no interest in the affair.

ENGELSING's more recent statement is that he was summoned on 5 or 6 occasions by a Gestapo official named NERE. [] specifically asked whether ENGELSING had had anything to do with PANSINGER. ENGELSING replied that he did not know PANSINGER but had heard that PANSINGER was the official who interrogated Harro SCHULZE-BOYSEN.

- b. Apparently ENGELSING informed [] in 1947 that Gunther WEISSENBOERN did not appear to him to be a Communist. Heidelberg, in MGHA-1033, questioned this.

When interrogated by [] ENGELSING stated his belief that WEISSENBOERN was a Communist back in 1941. ENGELSING went on to claim that WEISSENBOERN's Communist convictions seemed to have been shattered by 1946 and that he has now abandoned the Communist cause.

(Comment: It is not clear from the reports which we have whether ENGELSING meant to inform [] that WEISSENBOERN had never been a Communist, or that by 1946 he had abandoned his Communist beliefs.)

5. In view of ENGELSING's record of cooperation with [] has not done anything to hold up granting of the visa to ENGELSING. The case will probably be favorably referred by the Consulate General here to the Department for a final decision. Inasmuch as all available facts on ENGELSING have presumably been forwarded to Headquarters, any influence which our organization wishes to bring to bear, either in favor of or against his case, should be done so as expeditiously as possible. //

Attachment:
As stated in paragraph 1

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